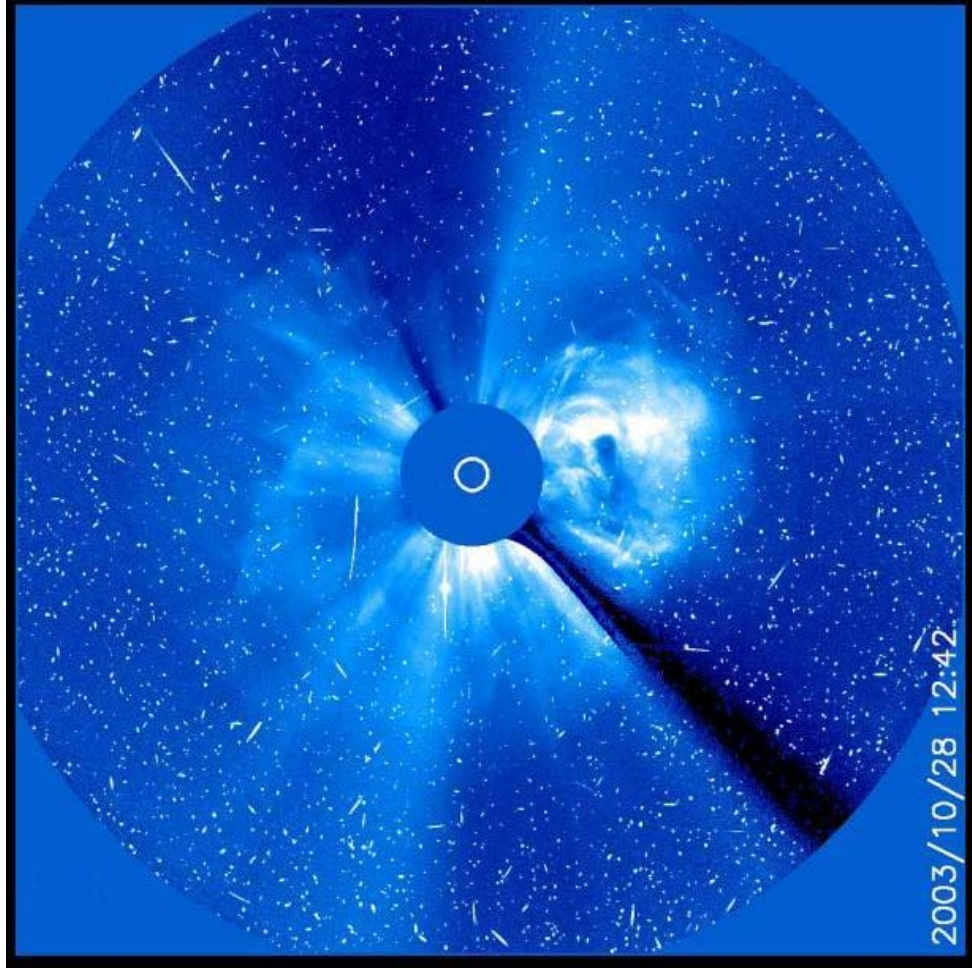




southern california dx club

November 2003



NO DX WHEN THIS HAPPENS!

Active region 10486, which had grown to one of the largest sunspot seen by SOHO, unleashed a spectacular show on 28 October 2003. An X 17.2 flare, the second largest flare observed by SOHO and the third largest ever recorded, blasted off a strong high energy proton event and a fast-moving Coronal Mass Ejection. A flare is an intense solar eruption, the largest known explosion in our solar system. It appears as a bright flash in SOHO ultraviolet images. This was slightly preceded by a Coronal Mass Ejection, which sent a large particle cloud headed directly towards Earth. The expanding CME cloud and subsequent particle hits on the SOHO imager can be seen in the latter half of the video clip. The fast-moving cloud first impacted Earth's magnetosphere a mere 19 hours later, almost a record speed. Subsequent impacts were still occurring hours later. As a result of this storm, aurora were seen as far south as Virginia and Missouri.

This image is from SOHO's LASCO coronagraph, a telescope that uses a disc to block the Sun's bright surface, revealing the faint solar corona, stars, planets and 'sungrazing' comets. In other words, a coronagraph produces an artificial solar eclipse.

Soap Box— Words from our President



As we move into the fall, and cooler days and colder nights come around, I am looking forward with great anticipation for the winter DX season on the low bands. Last winter, for me, yielded very few new band / mode countries on 80 / 160 meters, so this year, I decided to get an early start on getting the antennas ready for

some low band dxing. I set aside some time the last two weekends to tweak the low band antennas in anticipation. On 160, I currently use a center fed inverted vee, with the center at about 73 feet, and I also have a shunt feed for my tower. On 80 meters, I am using a 80 meter rotatable dipole at about 85 feet, and also a separate shunt feed for the tower. This allows me to switch back and forth from the shunts feeds to the dipoles. So, I have now checked out 8 sets of elevated radials, cleaned ground connections, pruned and tuned, and now it's just a matter of waiting for the low band DX to come rolling in this winter. I am ready!!

I've worked more than 65% on my low band DX during contests, so here are some of the contests and dates remaining this season for you to be on the look out for:

CQ WW DX CW	November
29-30	
ARRL 160 Contest	December
5-7	
Stew Perry Top Band Challenge	December
27-28	

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Voice of the Veep



I want to thank David, WB6TWF for a great presentation at the October meeting. His presentation was well received and his flak jacket didn't need to be used. HI HI!

Hope to see you all on November

13, 2003 at the club meeting. We will be choosing the logo to go on the shirts and pins. We will also have Pat Marcy from ICOM and hopefully I can convince her to bring the new HF rig that is not quite ready for the public yet and see how it works.

Also remember that the Holiday Party will be December 7, 2003 and we have Jim Zimmerman as our presentation for the evening. See flyer in this newsletter for details.

It is also the time of year to think about your new leaders for 2004. As always every position is available if you are interested, some have stepped forward and are proud to serve on the board. Consider running for office and prepare for nominations next month.

DUES ARE DUE soon

Please send your check to N6AV now. Remember to fill out the renewal application in this newsletter.

E-Mail Addresses

Please let the membership chairman know when you change your e-mail address.

Next General Meeting

The SCDXC meets the second Thursday of the month. Our next meeting will be held November 13, 2003 at Syd Kronenthal Park in Culver City. The park is located 4 blocks west of La Cienega Blvd. and 2 blocks south of Washington Blvd. From the 10 Freeway exit La Cienega south to Washington Blvd. Turn right (west) 4 blocks to McManus Ave (it's La Cienega Ave to the right, McManus to the left). Turn left (south) 2 blocks to the Park. The street dead-ends at the parking lot. Please do not park in the school lot.

Pat Marcy from ICOM will be our guest

See ya there!

MEETING NOTES

de the secretary

Can you believe that the October meeting is in the log? As I write this we only have 69 more shopping days till Christmas (only 64 to Chanukah). The good news is low-band conditions are improving and I have been able to work several "new ones" on 40m and 75m. Can 5-band DXCC be far off?



As I look at the calendar I notice it will be time for elections soon and we are, as always in need of people to help run this club. So if you are interested in serving on the board or have something in your past we can blackmail you with, please get in touch with Cathy, K6VC. Seriously the SCDXC is a very well known and prestigious club and it takes a lot of hard work from its members to keep it that way and you should consider it an honor to be elected to an office.

We had a very interesting program for October presented by David Corsiglia, WA6TWF about the W6BH Super Station in Anza, CA. This station owned by Lee Shaklee is a state of the art, remotely (95 miles) controlled HF station. The design and engineering of the remote capabilities is a testament to the skill of Jim Day, W6DH who deals with all the day to day headaches of remoting a station of this complexity. You can read more on this station at

www.w6bh.com

David also touched on his experience with remote base operations on his repeater system in Southern California. Keeping all these remote sites linked and working can be a full time job. You can read more about his system at www.wa6twf.com.

There are several members headed for DXpeditions this winter ranging from the simple to one of the rarest of the rare. One of those will be Bob, N6OX who will visit number seven on the DX-Magazine 2002 100 Most Needed Countries Survey. He will be part of an international team heading to Peter I Island (3YØ/P) in the Antarctic. Bob has his cold weather gear already packed and is making a homebrew Penguin detector. More information is on the web site at www.scdxc.org/3y0p.html.

It was nice to see Charlotte, KB6SXF at a meeting, I think we will have to call her employer and see if we can't make sure she gets more time off on Thursdays. I would also like to welcome Milt Garb, W6QE back to the club. Milt was previously a member and has rediscovered what is important in life (DXing) and has re-joined. The desert contingent also made its presents felt when Chuck, KR6C showed up and won the grand prize. Chuck took home an Alpha Delta PathMINDER six position, digitally controlled, coax switch.

Final Thoughts: Our repeater jammer is still

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION, New or Renewal

Return to club treasurer: Paul Lawrence, N6AV, 2986 Haddington Drive Los Angeles CA 90064

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SCDXC Dues are \$18.00 per year, make checks payable to SCDXC

Ham Puzzle

By Milt, W6RJO



Answer to last months puzzle.

Milt tells us there are a total of 46 high voltage lines.

Now for the November question.

The 8 foot double tube, rapid turn-on, fluorescent tube fixture in VH Ham's shack went bye bye. Was it the tubes or was it the ballast? The

Internet proposes a ballast tester made from either end of an old tube (careful how you break the tube to retrieve the ends). Ballasts usually go when its autotransformer goes. Rapid turn-on tubes have a filament, of a few volts, where the filament voltage is tapped off a small portion of the

autotransformer winding. The tester merely tests whether or not this voltage is present.

The tester consists of a number 13 pilot-type light (3.8 volts/0.3A) connected across the filament leads of the old tube base. Removing the tubes and plugging in the tester into each socket should result in the number 13 bulb burning brightly therein if the ballast is good. No or low brightness means the ballast is gone. Sometimes, one tube should be left in the fixture when testing the socket or sockets of the other.

Type I fixtures use the tester as above. Type II fixtures need a 4 ohm resistor together with the bulb to load down the circuit. The Internet doesn't specify any further. Detailed photos show the two testers as almost physically identical. The question is: is the 4 ohm resistor connected in series or parallel with the number 13 light?

Propagation November 2003

by Shel, W6EL



These predictions for the five prime HF bands show the times when propagation is expected to be best from Los Angeles to several locations that are expected to be

active during the coming month. Other times are possible, but with weaker signals or lower probability. Openings are not expected on bands that are not listed. A solar flux of 120, corresponding to a sunspot number of 67, and an average geomagnetic field are assumed. Sunrise/sunset times are at the DX location. All times are UTC.

Good luck and good DX from Shel, W6EL.

KH2 Guam - 11/23 to 11/24 -
Beam 285 degrees
Sunrise/sunset (on 11/24)
2028/0748

80: 1000-1400.
40: 0830-1430.
20: 1600-1630.
15: 2000-0200.
10: 2100-2330.

9N Nepal - 11/15 to 12/5 - Beam
337 degrees
Sunrise/sunset (on 11/25)
0053/1122
40: 1200-1430.
20: 0000-0230 and 1600-1630.
Long path 0030-0130.

3V Tunisia - 11/19 to 12/1 -
Beam 40 degrees
Sunrise/sunset (on 11/25)
0607/1607
80: 0300-0530.
40: 0100-0600.
20: 1500-1600 and 223--2300.
Long path 1500-1600.
15: 1530-1800.

FR/E Europa - 11/22 to 12/4 -
Beam 63 degrees
Sunrise/sunset (on 11/28)
0231/1543
40: 0100-0230. Long path around
1530.
20: 2230-0100. Long path 1500-
1730.
15: 1500-2300.
10: 1630-1930.

XV Vietnam - 11/25 to 12/3 -
Beam 312 degrees
Sunrise/sunset (on 11/29)
2310/1019
80: 1230-1400.
40: 1100-1430.
20: 1600-1830.
15: 2300-0100.

T32 East Kiribati - 11/23 to 12/7 -
Beam 240 degrees
Sunrise/sunset (on 11/30)
1629/0419
80: 0630-1400.
40: 0430-1430.
20: 0200-0430 and 1600-1800.
15: 1700-0200.
10: 1730-0030.

Steve's Corner

Gabon – The “Lid” worked it!

Gabon is one of the “terrible Ts,” — that group of African countries whose prefix begins with T. “Terrible” because over the years, they have proven elusive and often difficult to work. The operations have been mostly by Frenchmen either in residence or on DXpeditions.

Gabon in west central Africa borders on the Atlantic Ocean in the west, on Equatorial Guinea and Cameroon in the north, and on Congo in the east and south. It was first explored by the Portuguese navigator Diego Cam in the 15th century. In 1472, the Portuguese explorers encountered the mouth of the Como River, and named it “Rio de Gabao,” river of Gabon, which later became the name of the country. The Dutch began arriving in 1593, and the French in 1630. In 1839, the French founded their first settlement on the left bank of the Gabon estuary and gradually occupied the hinterland during the second half of the 19th century. The land became a French territory in 1888 and then an autonomous republic within

the French Union after World War II. Independence came on Aug. 17, 1960 during the period when French West Africa dissolved (FF, deleted) and eleven “new” countries emerged from it.

Gabon's main exports are crude petroleum, forest products, manganese and uranium ores, and cocoa. Its principal imports are foodstuffs, chemical and petroleum products, construction materials, and machinery. Leading trade partners are the USA, France, Côte d'Ivoire, and Japan. Gabon's official language is French.

It was a Saturday afternoon, January 27, 1979. I had recently broken through the 200 worked milestone for CW DXCC. Finding “new ones” was starting to slow down. I'm listening on 15m CW to a small but intense pile up. It's TR8RG. He's not split. His style is slow and methodical. He doesn't seem too interested in working hard to dig a call out of the cacophony. The calling is continuous until the pile realizes that they can't hear him come back to anyone if they don't stop to listen. The frequency quiets down and there's Guy starting to come back to one of the lucky deserving. This cycle repeats producing only a few Qs in a half hour. Then the delay for a reply gets longer and longer and the assem-

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WKD / HRD 27. Jan 79
ON 21 MHz 45 GMT
2. CW-45785 RST569
TX: Kenwood TS50
ANT: 45 45 TU
TNX-PSE QSL DIRECT
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73's QSO Steve
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Libreville Gabon

bled on frequency begin to quip that he's QRT. I think: “Really?”

The frequency is quiet. I know I have nothing to lose so I make a short call. Nothing from the TR but one of the self appointed know-it-alls on frequency (yes, the cops existed in those days too!) informs me that: “He's QRT.” I ignore the “advice” and make another call, this time a bit longer. The next thing I hear is: “He's QRT, I guess the pile up drove him off. Hi, Hi.” Once again, I ignore the purveyor of useless information and begin another moderate length call. I finish and hear: “HE'S QRT LID,” seemingly shouted at me from the same “friendly” fist. I call the TR again and again I'm greeted with “LID.” Then, out of the silence, a familiar fist and signal strength sends: “WB6RSE WB6RSE de TR8RG. GE. UR RST 569.....” Guy and I proceed with the normal exchange of name and QTH at his pace. We finally sign “73” and the pile up resumes full force including the self appointed lid accuser whose call has fortunately slipped from memory over the years.

That was number 202 for me on CW, thanks! And as you can see from the card, there's no indication of “Lid” anywhere on it. Indeed!

73, Steve WB6RSE



ARRL "LOGBOOK OF THE WORLD" IS OFF LIKE A ROCKET

Logbook of the World" (LoTW) the new QSL-cardless awards and contact credit system—has proven to be a huge hit with the amateur community. Since opening September 15, LoTW has acquired more than 2200 registered participants. Another 2400 or so applications are pending, and the QSO database of 4900 uploaded logs had topped 8 million contacts.

LoTW is open to all, and applying for a digital certificate is the first step toward taking advantage of the system. The digital certificate authenticates the user's identity.

ARRL will maintain the ballooning repository of log data from casual operators, DXers, contesters and major DXpeditions. LoTW will be able to provide quick QSO credit for awards programs by identifying contact matches within submitted log data. Registered participants then will be able to apply LoTW-confirmed QSO credits toward ARRL awards, such as DXCC, WAS and VUCC.

Work continues on the last major LoTW component—the Web pages to apply LoTW confirmations toward ARRL-sponsored awards. Mills expects that LoTW also will one day provide contact credits for non-ARRL programs. "Major award sponsors have expressed interest in using LoTW records, and details are pending," he said.

LoTW eventually will be able to search users' DXCC records and find new credits automatically. The program also will provide full viewing of users' DXCC records, automatically alert users to new awards achieved and offer comprehensive support for many other awards.

While the digital certificate is free, LoTW will charge on a per-credit basis to apply credits toward awards. "Logbook of the World is an alternative to collecting QSL cards by mail," Mills said. Fees range from 25 cents for a single credit to 15 cents per credit in lots of 500. Users may purchase credits in advance, but LoTW fees do not also cover award fees.

BIGGEST FIRE IN 100 YEARS

Were you affected by the firestorm that hit Southern California the last week in October? Send us the details. The following photo was not retouched. It was



The one below was taken from space.



SCDXC MEMBERS ON THE ROAD

The CQWWSSB contest saw the following SCDXC members operating from far places

W6AQ, K6IPV did ZK1
KJ6Y went to Prince Edward Isl.

FREE VISALIA REGISTRATION

You could win a **FREE** registration to the 2004 convention? All you have to do is design the winning logo for 2004. The logo contest is open to everyone and the winner will get a free registration to the 2004 convention.

The only criteria we require is that the patch be no larger than 4" wide and 3" high, smaller is okay as is any shape just keep the overall dimensions smaller than 4" x 3". Also keep the Colors to three plus the background Color, the patch should have the year "2004", "International DX Convention", "Visalia, CA", "SCDXC" and "NCDXC" on it. Other than that the design elements are up to you.

The winner will be voted on by voting members of the SCDXC at the November general meeting. Submit your entry in .jpg or .gif formats by e-mail to 2004logo@scdxc.org or in person at the November meeting.

Danny Weil VP2 SK

DXer Danny Weil, ex-VP2VB, of YASME fame died October 3. He was 85. The British-born Weil was active under a variety of call signs in the 1950s and early 1960s while sailing one of the three YASME yachts. His adventures inspired a generation of Amateur Radio DXers as he operated from various exotic ports of call. Late last year, Weil suffered a stroke and had been living in an extended-care facility in San Antonio, Texas.

Danny was born January 14, 1918 in a suburb of London England. He was descended from many generations of watchmakers and was apprenticed in the trade of watchmaking. Later he earned a

Degree in Mechanical Engineering and Navigation. His father, Jack Weil, was killed during World War II in the London Blitz. Danny joined the Royal Air Force at the age of 17 and in the 10 years he served, he was stationed in Ceylon, India, Norway and Stalingrad.



a British Amateur radio license.

Sailing single handedly around the world was a trip he volunteered to undertake on behalf of radio "hams". His voyage was integral in setting up ham radio stations on remote islands and the expedition was monitored by over 100,000 amateur radio enthusiasts around the world. He is re-

Danny left England in 1954 in YASME I, a boat he made by himself in order to travel the world alone after being inspired when he read the book "Kon Tiki" in 1947. In 1963, after 9 years, 3 boats and travels to the Atlantic, the Caribbean and the Pacific Islands, Danny completed his around the world voyage.

membered by most "hams" as "the first DXpeditioner."

Danny was known as an adventurer who had a dry sense of humor which was characteristic of the British but his heart was warm and his loyalty as a friend was unparalleled.

Needing a means of communication, he taught himself Morse Code, radio theory and obtained

ROUND THE WORLD EXPEDITION
VP2VB/P - VR1B/P
SLOOP "YASME" assisted by - - DANNY WEIL Ex-G7DW NMA, KZ5WD, Glad to qso from -
VR4AA
ASHORE ON GUADALUPA, BILLOWAY ISLANDS

This is YOUR DXpedition. Let's keep it going with small contributions along with your QSL. Members of the YASME exp may be read in the pages of CO Navigators.

TO RADIO **W6ALQ** ON 1.8 - 3.5 - 7 Your Card Rec'd
CONFIRMING OUR CW (14) 21 - 27 - 28 MCS Thanks and 73's
RADIO CONTACT OF AT GMT DICK **K7AAA**
3-28-1956
→ THANKS KIND CONTRIBUTION! 4603 YOUR TIME FOR DANNY

ROUND THE WORLD EXPEDITION OF THE YASME ORGANIZATION
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Alpha 87A Fault 1 Troubleshooting Instructions

Here are troubleshooting instructions for a Fault 1. Be sure to defeat both interlocks when turning on the amplifier with the cover off, the microswitch and the HV shorting crowbar at the center of the amp! Slip the cap from a Bic-type pen over the crowbar screw to insulate it, the shorting spring will hold it in place.

1) The receive bias switches when you go from STBY (700 to 900v) to OPERATE (less than 1v). When the amp is in OPERATE and transmitting, it will also be 700v to 900v. Measure at the R BIAS (or R with a line over it) terminal on right rear corner of HV Power Supply board.

2) If the voltage is always lower than 700v, turn off the amplifier, remove the connector at R BIAS on the HV Power Supply, and turn the 87A back on. If R BIAS is still low the problem is on the HV board, either an open resistor at R40-R43 (each 220k/2w or two 470K/1w in parallel) or a defective Zener diode at D18-D22. Older 87A HV Power Supply boards do not have those components on the circuit board, they will be wired and suspended above the 2 watt HV bleeder resistors.

If R BIAS is 700v to 900v with the connector removed and the amplifier turned on, turn off the amplifier, put connector back on and proceed to next step.

3) Remove fuse F2 on the ABX-X180 board (inside the output T/R box) and

then check 87A again.

If it does NOT fault and R-BIAS voltage is between 700 and 850 volts, replace D2 and D8. R-BIAS can be measured at the back-right corner of the High Voltage Power Supply board, on a terminal labeled NOT-R (R with a line over it), or on J4 of the ABX-X180 board.

4) If it DOES fault with F2 removed, lift D6 and D11 diode chain on the ABX-X180 board. If the 87A does not fail and R BIAS voltage is between 700 and 900 volts, replace D6 and D11.

5) Lift R5 on the ABX-X180 board and measure to make sure it is not open. R5 is located below the large 2.5 mH 'safety choke' mounted on the front edge of the T/R compartment.

Note: When replacing the diodes, be careful not to have the leads protruding too far below the circuit board, it is possible for them to touch the chassis (gnd).

6) Replace D16 on the HV P/S board, ABX-X178. it can leak and slow down the bias switching.

On the HV POWER SUPPLY BOARD drawing #SXX-X161 (in the complete set of 87A schematics) transistors Q3 and Q4 may cause the bias to stop switching. They may also be the problem if the bias does not switch at all.

(ED NOTE: Tnx to K6FG for this important info!)

MEETING NOTES

de the secretary

showing up several time a week and I would like to encourage everyone to ignore him. Jamming him or arguing with him just encourages him to cause more interference. The FCC is well aware

of his activities on our system and others and is working on the problem. As soon as I can say more I will. Be sure to get your Holiday Party and Visalia registration forms on the web site, and join us for both events.

73 DE Jim, N6DHz



October 17, 2003

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Dear Friends,

Thank you for joining the campaign to fight Broadband Over Power Lines. Your extremely generous gift of \$1,000 to ARRL's Special Campaign for Spectrum Defense will provide vital resources to help us fight this new threat. And thanks for remitting Mr. Paquette's individual donation. We will send him a personal acknowledgement.

Action on Access BPL and vigilance on other spectrum issues requires significant financial resources. Your support will provide vital funding for our efforts to monitor this issue in all corners of government, and to conduct the tests to build our case. With your support, ARRL representatives can keep watchful eyes on those who would shortchange Amateur Radio. With your support, our technical staff can prepare engineering studies to refute industry claims that certain new technologies can peacefully coexist with hams. With your support, our staff can work with industry to develop techniques to minimize potential interference to amateur operations. Threats to Amateur Radio increase every year, and we must expand efforts to meet the challenges to our hard-earned privileges.

Commercial interests have a strong arm on Capitol Hill. In the political world, numbers equal power. As an ARRL member and a supporter of this Special Campaign for Spectrum Defense you add your voice to the thousands of active hams who are saying, "No! You will not make our frequencies useless!"

If you haven't already done so, you'll want to read the information available about the Broadband Over Power Line issue on the ARRL website. The following link will take you to an article with further links to research and information: <http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2003/09/25/100/?nc=1>. We'll be updating this information continuously so check in regularly to stay up-to-date on the status of the field studies and the FCC's deliberation.

Thanks for your leadership contribution to support ARRL and Amateur Radio as we defend our spectrum from this new potentially devastating threat.

Sincerely,


David Sumner, K1ZZ
Executive Vice President

c: Art Goddard

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I am sure you will see the information for the upcoming SCDXC Holiday Party in this month's newsletter. All I can tell you is you don't want to miss this year's event. If you missed the buffet we had last year at the Orange Hill Restaurant, you missed out on one of the greatest buffets in all of Southern California. This year's Holiday Party is going to be on Sunday afternoon, December 07, 2003 at the Orange Hill Restaurant, in the city of Orange. The Party will be from 12:30pm to 3:00pm +/- QRM.

How You Can Tell if you are a Serious Ham:

- You buy electrical black tape in ten packs.
- You've stripped wire with your teeth.
- You've told your son that, "One day, all this will be yours", and he doesn't respond.
- You'd rather help a buddy put up a new tower than mow the lawn.
- You've grabbed the wrong end of a soldering iron.
- You start giving out RST reports when you are on the cellphone.
- The propagation forecast means far more to you than the local weather forecast.
- The microphone or visual aids at a meeting don't work and you rush up to the front to fix it.
- When your XYL notices a new rig in the shack, you tell her that the rig has been there for years.
- Your watch is set only to UTC.
- At night, when you pray, it starts off something like: CQ CQ CQ GOD DE (your callsign).
- You have had to patch your roof

after an antenna project.

- Ham radio magazines comprise more than 50% of your bathroom library.
- You have put a GPS tracker in your XYL's car, just so you could watch her on APRS.
- You and the XYL took a cruise so you could visit the radio room on the ship.
- You have tapped out HI in Morse on your car horn to another ham.
- You had an antenna fall down.
- Your teenage kids refuses to ride in your car because it looks like a porcupine.
- You know the Latitude and Longitude of your home QTH.
- You go into the local Radio Shack store and the clerk asks you where something is.

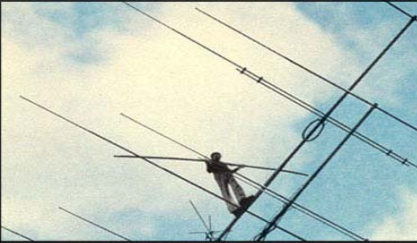
73 for now de Herb / KG6OK –

VU4 ?

VU4BH was reported heard a few weeks ago. The rumor is that Martii was in country and was giving a demonstration of ham radio to government officials. If true, this could very well be a first step to opening this rare entity.

Well, of course, it was a slim. However, it sure woke up the deserving and used a lot of electric power as those big rigs warmed up.

Oh well, who knows, maybe next year!



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